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H. R. 3603

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 1998

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
4 **PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 may carry out the following major medical facility
7 projects, with each project to be carried out in the amount
8 specified for that project:

1 (1) Alterations to facilitate consolidation of
2 services in buildings 126 and 150, and demolition of
3 seismically unsafe building 122 at the Department
4 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Long Beach,
5 California, in an amount not to exceed \$23,200,000.

6 (2) Construction and seismic work at the De-
7 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San
8 Juan, Puerto Rico, in an amount not to exceed
9 \$50,000,000.

10 (3) Outpatient clinic expansion at the Depart-
11 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washing-
12 ton, D.C., in an amount not to exceed \$29,700,000.

13 (4) Construction of a psychogeriatric care build-
14 ing and demolition of seismically unsafe building
15 324 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
16 Center, Palo Alto, California, in an amount not to
17 exceed \$22,400,000.

18 (5) Construction of an ambulatory care addition
19 and renovations for ambulatory care at the Depart-
20 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland
21 (Wade Park), Ohio, in an amount not to exceed
22 \$28,300,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall be derived
23 from funds appropriated for a fiscal year before fis-
24 cal year 1999 that remain available for obligation.

1 (6) Construction of an ambulatory care addition
2 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
3 ter, Tucson, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed
4 \$35,000,000.

5 (7) Construction of an addition for psychiatric
6 care at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
7 Center, Dallas, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
8 \$24,200,000.

9 (8) Outpatient clinic projects at Auburn and
10 Merced, California, as part of the Northern Califor-
11 nia Healthcare Systems Project, in an amount not
12 to exceed \$3,000,000, to be derived only from funds
13 appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for a
14 fiscal year before fiscal year 1999 that remain avail-
15 able for obligation.

16 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING FACILITY.—The
17 Secretary may construct a parking structure at the De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Col-
19 orado, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000, of which
20 \$11,900,000 shall be derived from funds in the Parking
21 Revolving Fund.

22 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
23 **LEASES.**

24 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into
25 leases for satellite outpatient clinics as follows:

1 (1) Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in an amount not
2 to exceed \$1,800,000.

3 (2) Daytona Beach, Florida, in an amount not
4 to exceed \$2,600,000.

5 (3) Oakland Park, Florida, in an amount not to
6 exceed \$4,100,000.

7 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
9 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year
10 1999—

11 (1) for the Construction, Major Projects, ac-
12 count \$205,300,000 for the projects authorized in
13 section 1(a); and

14 (2) for the Medical Care account, \$8,500,000
15 for the leases authorized in section 2.

16 (b) LIMITATION.—(1) The projects authorized in sec-
17 tion 1(a) may only be carried out using—

18 (A) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1999
19 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
20 subsection (a);

21 (B) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
22 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1999
23 that remain available for obligation; and

1 (C) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
2 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1999 for
3 a category of activity not specific to a project.

4 (2) The project authorized in section 1(b) may only
5 be carried out using funds appropriated for a fiscal year
6 before fiscal year 1999—

7 (A) for the Parking Revolving Fund; or

8 (B) for Construction, Major Projects, for a cat-
9 egory of activity not specific to a project.

10 **SEC. 4. THRESHOLD FOR TREATMENT OF PARKING FACIL-**
11 **ITY PROJECT AS A MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
12 **PROJECT.**

13 Section 8109(i)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
14 is amended by striking out “\$3,000,000” and inserting
15 “\$4,000,000”.

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